



April 12, 2019

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *Ex parte* filing in WC Docket No. 16-271

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 11 and 12, Jens Laipenieks and Steve Merriam from Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative (ASTAC) and the undersigned from GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) conducted separate *ex parte* meetings with Acting Special Counsel Preston Wise in Chairman Pai's office, Wireline Legal Advisor Arielle Roth from Commissioner O'Rielly's office, Chief of Staff Jamie Susskind from Commissioner Carr's office, Chief of Staff Travis Litman from Commissioner Rosenworcel's office, and with Randy Clarke from Commissioner Starks' office. We also met with Matthew Warner, Jonathan Lechter and Ben Freeman of the Wireless Competition Bureau, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division.

The *ex parte* meetings included updates from ASTAC on the progress of their Alaska Plan performance obligations. As required by the Commission's rules, this *ex parte* record is now filed in the above referenced docket. If there are any questions, please call me on 503-612-4409.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey H. Smith
President and CEO

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